# **EXHIBIT F**

Email from Saurabh Prabhakar to John Wood dated January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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From: Prabhakar, Saurabh

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To: John L. Wood Tabaie, Abe Chuck Lee Extreme
Cc: Ashley, Matt Weber, Olivia Cheryl G. Rice
Subject: RE: Requested email to the Court

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John,

We can agree to disagree on whether Extreme complied with the order. Plaintiffs repeatedly pursued out of scope questions and, since the witness spoke on behalf of Extreme, in a handful of instances in a 300+ page deposition Extreme added context because it was important for Extreme to have a clear record of what transpired until we agreed to the stipulation. That is not a speaking objection as reflected in the order.

In any event, Extreme is willing to agree to SNMPR's proposal on objections about scope provided SNMPR agrees for further depositions to the stipulation that the parties entered into during the Freeman deposition. With respect to other objections, which you did not raise in your earlier email, Extreme will make succinct objections as you propose provided (1) SNMPR also agrees to do the same and (2) SNMPR does not engage with Extreme about the objection. Please confirm SNMPR will agree. Further, Extreme reserves the right to speak on the record when not objecting, for example if needing to clarify SNMPR's handling of exhibits or to respond to statements made on the record by SNMPR that are not relating to a question posed to the witness.

Since we have now moved outside of what you initially emailed about this morning, please confirm going forward that SNMPR will identify by first and last name and connection to SNMPR, its attendees at depositions. Extreme will not proceed with a deposition and will terminate it if SNMPR has attendees that do not fully identify themselves like the individual named "Devin," absent Court instruction to the contrary. If you would like to get the Court's views on this in advance of the next deposition, happy to send a joint message to the Court regarding that issue.

Best,

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Saurabh,

The issue was that you continued to make speaking objections after this agreement and insisted that all of your speaking objections were proper. We did not have the understanding that the "agreement" had resolved anything.

If Extreme is willing to agree that objections in this case will be limited to Objection and a succinct statement of the basis without explanation such as "Objection, out of scope" or "Objection, ask and answered" then we agree there is no need to bring this before the Court. We think this is what Dkt. 9 has always required. If you can respond with your agreement then there is no need to bring this particular issue before the Court.

We reserve all rights regarding the Freeman deposition and will be corresponding on that later.

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Dear John -

Judge Poplin,

Thank you for your email. Before providing proposed edits, we would note that at page 173-174 we stipulated that we would limit the objection to "Objection, out of scope" and that such objection would preserve all rights. So, this issue has already been agreed to by the parties and we are prepared to agree to this stipulation going forward if SNMP also agrees. Therefore, we do not see a need to bother the Court with yet another reach out. If you intend to reach out to the Court, please see our proposed edits below.

Best,	
Saurabh	

On behalf of SNMPR, during the 30(b)(6) deposition of Extreme on Monday, which was the first deposition in this case, the parties had a disagreement over the meaning of the Court's direction contained in Paragraph 2 of the Order Governing Depositions. Dkt. 9. Specifically, paragraph 2 of the Order Governing Depositions states: "Counsel's statements when making objections should be succinct, stating the basis of the objection and nothing more." Plaintiffs understand this statement to mean that counsel may only state the nature of the objection succinctly such as "Objection, Out of Scope" or "Objection, Asked and Answered." Counsel for Defendant Extreme took the position that an explanation as to why the objection is out of scope is sometime necessary to build a proper record. Two examples of such objections from Monday's deposition are below

Extreme's insert. SNMPR is raising this issue now in the hope that the Court can resolve this dispute prior to the next deposition which is scheduled for this Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. SNMPR does not think any briefing is required but will be glad to provide briefing if it will benefit the Court.

On behalf of Extreme, SNMPR took the position that they do not have to identify the deposition topic under examination when requested by Extreme. That made it difficult for Extreme to determine which topic the question related to and to assess whether a question was within the scope of that topic. Later this issue was worked out to the parties' satisfaction at the deposition during an off the record discussion, that was then memorialized on the record (see below), after which there was only one issue between the parties in the 200-pages of deposition testimony that followed as to explanations "why the objection is out of scope". The parties' stipulation is memorialized on the record as reflected below. Extreme has offered SNMPR that it is prepared to abide by the agreed-to stipulation in 30b6 depositions going forward if SNMPR also agrees. Since this issue was resolved at the deposition, Extreme does not believe further burdening the Court on this issue is necessary or productive.

# **Stipulation Reached by Parties**

## Freeman Deposition 173-174

- MS. WEBER: Counsel, we had an
- 20 off-the-record discussion that I'd like to
- 21 memorialize, that there is going to be a standing
- 22 scope objection and no further description is needed
- 23 for Extreme to maintain and reserve rights to assert
- 24 the scope objection at a later basis and plaintiffs
- 25 will not argue it is waived simply because Extreme
- 1 wasn't able to make a long-winded explanation as to
- 2 the basis of the objection.
- 3 MR. PRABHAKAR: Okay. I agree to that
- 4 characterization with two minor modifications.
- 5 By standing objection, I simply mean I
- 6 will object to scope on the record and not provide an
- 7 explanation for the record for what the scope
- 8 objection is.
- 9 With that, if we have an agreement, we
- 10 can proceed with me just making objection. Scope for
- 11 the rest of the deposition.
- MS. WEBER: Yes, we agree and we think
- 13 that complies with the standing order so we're happy
- 14 with that, thank you.

#### **Two Examples of Objections**

#### Freeman Deposition 11:22 – 12:7

- 22. Q. You don't know what the term EXOS
- 23 refers to?
- MR. PRABHAKAR: Objection. This is

- 25 out of scope.
- 1 Ms. Freeman, as you know, is
- 2 designated as a financial witness, and the questions
- 3 that you're asking relate to the operating systems
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- 7 as being out of scope.
- 8 MS. WEBER: Saurabh, I'm going to
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- 10 basic question, I'm just asking what the term EXOS at
- 11 a high level refers to.
- MR. PRABHAKAR: And, just to be clear,
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- 14 testimony that Ms. Freeman would be provide would be
- 15 based on her personal knowledge and in her individual
- 16 capacity.

#### Freeman Deposition 169:2 - 173:15

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- 2 Q. Have you spoken with anybody about
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- 4 A. Not this particular document.
- 5 Q. Do you know if it was if the data
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- 15 Asked and answered.
- 16 A. I do not know.
- 17 MS. WEBER: Yeah, yeah, I'm going to
- 18 it right now.
- 19 I will note for the record in Tab 2,
- 20 Topic 14, that this document is identified by Bates
- 21 number.
- 22 BY MS. WEBER:
- 23 Q. Is it possible that you could have
- 24 reviewed it during prep last week?
- 25 MR. PRABHAKAR: So objection, scope
- 1 We had objected to the full scope of Topic 14 as it
- 2 was presented. And we have specified our reasonable
- 3 scope for 14 and Mr. Ashley, in his email, confirmed
- 4 that he is fine with our designation of scope off

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- 6 So the fact that a certain document is
- 7 listed here doesn't oblige Ms. Freeman to be prepared
- 8 on every document listed here. Based on our
- 9 objections and based on SNMP's agreement that our
- 10 scope was fine.
- 11 MS. WEBER: We disagree. I attended
- 12 the meet-and-confer call regarding this topic and I
- 13 was copied on the correspondence between Matt Ashley
- 14 and you, and we certainly did not agree that the
- 15 documents explicitly identified in this topic, Topic
- 16 14, could be excluded from the scope of the topic.
- 17 But I don't think we need to spend more time on this,
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- 9 December 12th call that we are fine with Extreme's
- 10 responses to those two topics, so it seems we have an
- 11 agreement on that -- on them as well.
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- 13 record. I was on the December 8th and December 12th
- 14 meet-and-confer calls, and we explicitly asked you
- 15 whether there was any information that Extreme was
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- 17 its answer, and you said no.
- 18 MR. PRABHAKAR: Do you have a record
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